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SUBJECT: Report on Trauma Advisory Committee

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive information on Trauma Advisory Committee Activities

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

DISCUSSION:

The Trauma Advisory Committee has been working on the following:

Bioterrorism Grant: Money from the HRSA Grant will be used to establish two disaster resource centers which will be supplied with necessary equipment. The Committee indicated that hospitals, with adequate capabilities, willing to commit the time and resources necessary should be considered for funding. A letter outlining the requirements is being sent to the LEMSAs for help in the selection process.

Trauma Registry Data Set: The proposed Trauma Registry minimum data set has been finalized by the Ad Hoc Group. However, further action will be postponed until the National Trauma Data Bank minimum data set for state participation is complete so both systems are compatible.

Statewide Trauma System: The Committee is concentrating their efforts on developing a "vision of the statewide trauma system design". It was agreed that the fundamental system includes both prehospital and hospital, and that traditional barriers must be bridged to fill in gaps in California's system. A regional approach has been recommended to better organize and share limited resources for statewide trauma care and the Committee will be working on a draft concept.